

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 were presented for examination and were pending in this application. In an Office Action dated February 25, 2005, claims 1-32 were rejected. Applicant thanks Examiner for examination of the claims pending in this application and addresses Examiner's comments below.

Claims 1-32 are canceled and new claims 33-40 are added. These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. The claims have been amended to expedite the prosecution of the application in a manner consistent with the Patent Office Business Goals, 65 Fed. Reg. 54603 (Sept. 8, 2000). In making these amendments, Applicant has not and does not narrow the scope of the protection to which Applicant considers the claimed invention to be entitled and does not concede that the subject matter of such claims was in fact disclosed or taught by the cited prior art. Rather, Applicant reserves the right to pursue such protection at a later point in time and merely seeks to pursue protection for the subject matter presented in this submission.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections, and withdraw them.

Response to Rejection Under 35 USC 102(e)

In the 2nd paragraph of the Office Action, Examiner rejects claims 1-32 under 35 USC § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,393,480 to Qin et al. ("Qin"). Applicant has cancelled claims 1-32 without prejudice to preserve applicant's right to continue prosecution of such claims in this or a subsequent related application.

In light of Examiner's comments and to obtain prompt allowance, Applicant submits new claims 33-40 with additional elements, which applicant believes to be responsive to Examiner's comments. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited reference does not disclose the additional elements. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 33-40 are patentably distinguishable over the cited reference. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner allow new claims 33-40.

Conclusion

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-32 and added new claims 33-40, for which Applicant requests consideration and examination. Applicant respectfully submits that the new claims are supported by the specification and are commensurate within the scope of protection to which Applicant believes they are entitled. Applicant further submits that new claims 33-40 are patentably distinguishable over the cited references (including references cited, but not applied). Therefore, Applicant requests consideration and allowance of these claims.

In addition, Applicant respectfully invites Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at the number provided below if Examiner believes it will help expedite furtherance of this application.

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